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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the nonfinal Office action of September 6, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-21, 23, 24, 26-41, 43-49, 51-68 and 70-76 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 9, 42, and 50 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 30, 35, 41, 43, 48, 56 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-21, 23, 24, 26-68 and 70-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goertzel *et al.* (US 6,308,273) in view of Alcorn *et al.* (US 6,104,815). Claims 22, 25, and 69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goertzel *et al.* Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.